

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable David E. Price
Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation, and
Housing and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, Chair Price, and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$2,500,000 for the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority, located at 1000 Col Eileen Collins Blvd, Syracuse NY, 13212, for the purposes of developing an Airport Operations Command Center (AOCC) at the Syracuse Hancock International Airport.

The requested funding amount of \$2,500,000 would be used toward structural improvements and technology upgrades to establish a centralized communications system within the airport. The installation of a backup generator as part of this project will ensure continuity of operations in the event of a power outage. Additionally, by relocating communication operations to a centralized location, this project would free up existing space to meet the needs of passengers and commercial operations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have significant economic and security benefits for the airport, the traveling public, and the surrounding area. Establishing a centralized communications network will improve coordination among airport personnel, including law enforcement and security officers, airfield maintenance and operations workers, and terminal staff. Critically, the AOCC will enhance the airport's readiness in the event of a severe weather event, terrorist attack, or other emergency.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Katko
Member of Congress